

# Denver Area Economic Summary

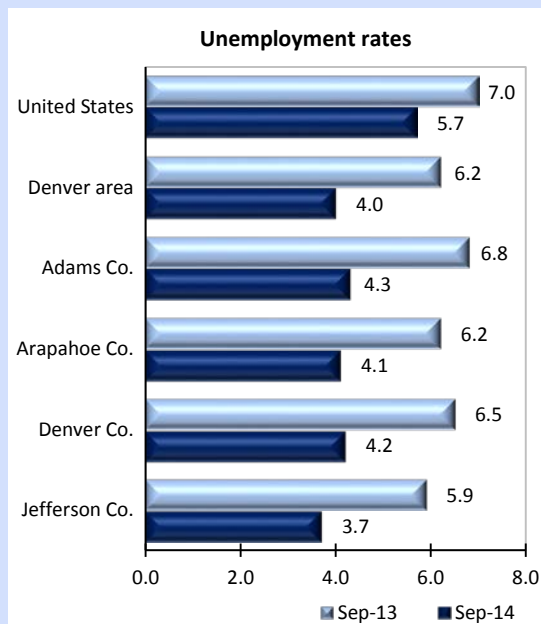


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see [www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm).

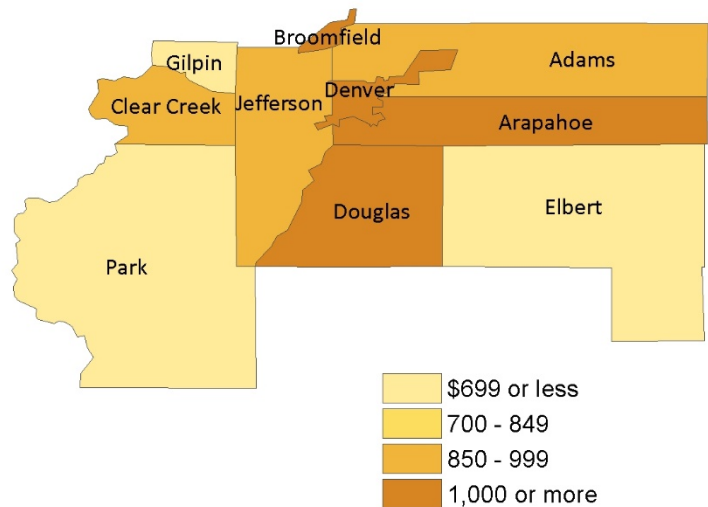
## Unemployment rates for the Denver area, selected area counties, and the nation



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

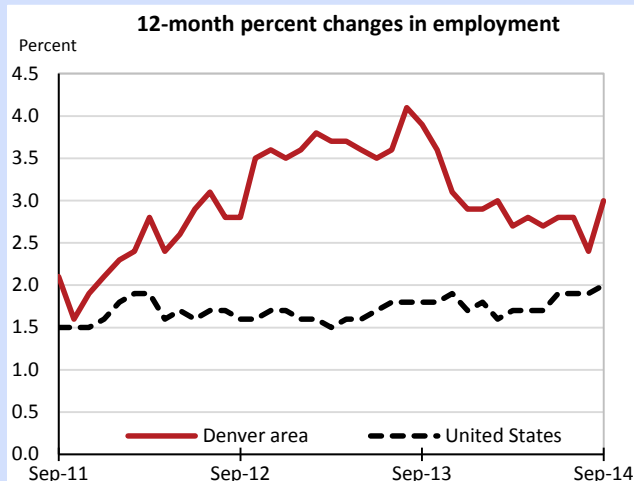
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Denver area, 1st quarter 2014  
(U.S. = \$1,027; Area = \$1,186)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

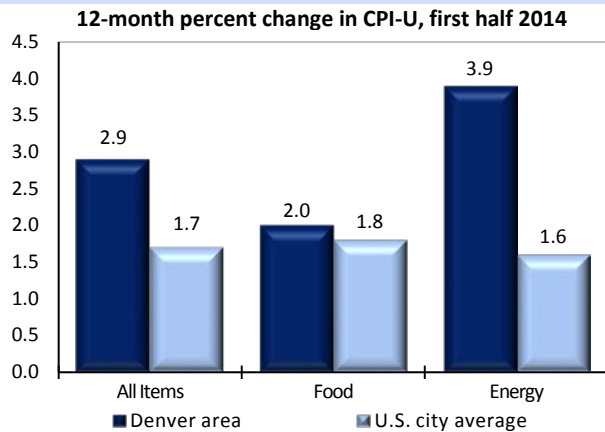


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Denver area employment (numbers in thousands)	Sep. 2014	Change from Sep. 2013 to Sep. 2014	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,347.6	38.8	3.0
Mining, logging, and construction	86.7	3.1	3.7
Manufacturing	67.5	3.8	6.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	244.9	1.5	0.6
Information	42.8	-1.3	-2.9
Financial activities	96.7	0.4	0.4
Professional and business services	246.3	10.9	4.6
Education and health services	169.8	8.9	5.5
Leisure and hospitality	151.3	7.3	5.1
Other services	50.9	0.3	0.6
Government	190.7	3.9	2.1

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

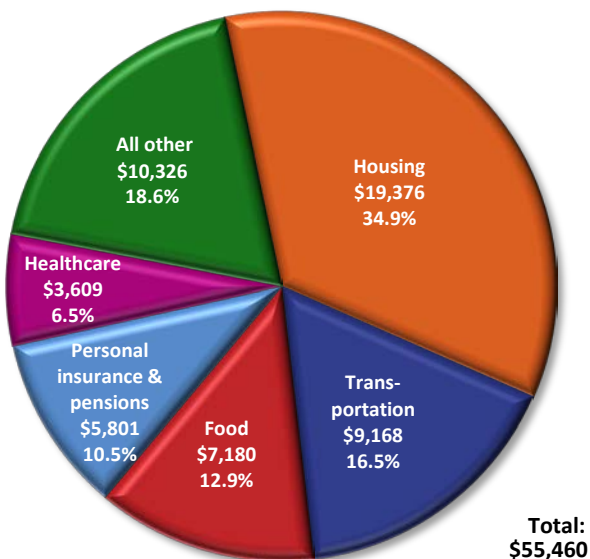
**Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

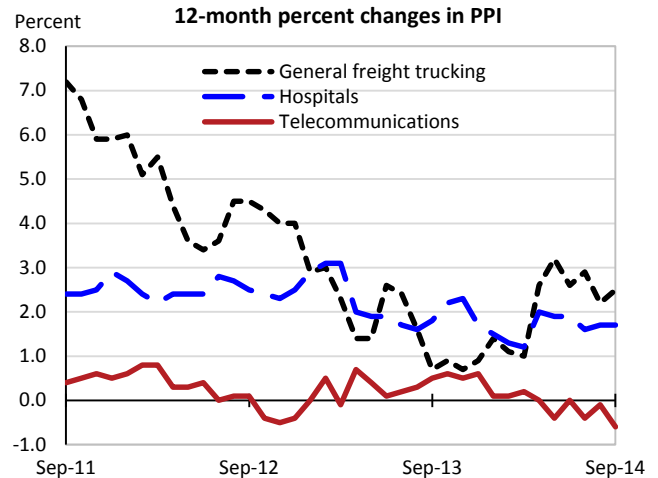
**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

**West Region average annual expenditures 2013**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

**Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide**



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

**Average hourly wages for selected occupations**

Occupation	Denver area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$25.05	\$22.33
Petroleum engineers	72.84	71.72
Computer systems analysts	45.80	41.02
Speech-language pathologists	40.74	35.56
Accountants and auditors	35.95	34.86
Registered nurses	34.42	33.13
Cost estimators	30.49	30.61
Machinists	21.18	19.72
Customer service representatives	16.67	16.04
Construction laborers	15.50	16.84
Retail salespersons	12.80	12.20
Counter and rental clerks	12.61	13.05
Fast food cooks	9.55	9.07

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2013.

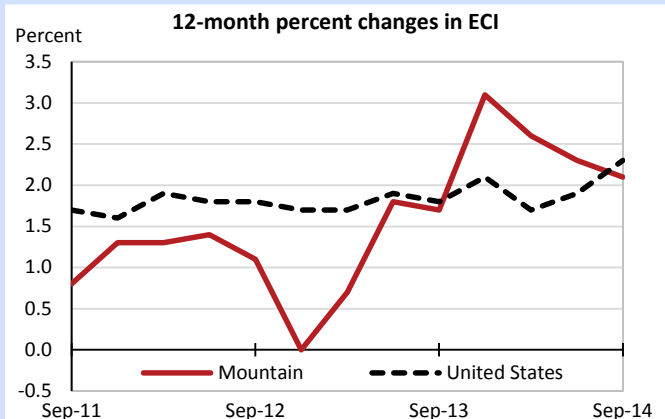
**Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division**

Private industry, June 2014	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.66	\$30.11
Wages and salaries	20.49	21.02
Total benefits	8.17	9.09
Paid leave	1.91	2.08
Vacation	1.04	1.08
Supplemental pay	0.75	0.85
Insurance	2.15	2.49
Retirement and savings	1.09	1.23
Legally required benefits	2.27	2.44

(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, and WY.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

**Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries**



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.